

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sims, Lawrence Serial No. 10/689,179 Filed: 10/20/2003 For: “Abutment System and Method of Preparing Same”	Group Art Unit: 3732 Examiner: WERNER, J. S. Customer Number: 25854
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION and
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated 05/31/2006 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 09/06/2006, please reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.